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IN THE DRAWING

A Transmittal of Corrected Formal Drawing accompanies this Reply, together with a corrected Fig. 5 showing reference numeral 521 (specification at Page 17, lines 11-15, for example).

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 22-24, 29, and 39-42 are now pending.

Claims 30-33 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. U.S. Patent 4,905,097, (Watanabe). Claims 34 and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Rigakos, U.S. Patent 6,038,351 (Rigakos). These rejections are moot in view of the claims being canceled.

Claims 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Niki, U.S. Patent 6,055,336, (Niki). Claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Niki and Rigakos. The Applicants traverse these rejections as follows.

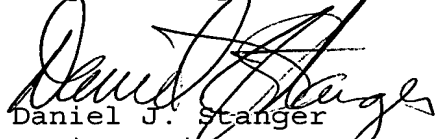
Watanabe shows, in Fig. 13, a multi-value image 64 and a binary image 65. Watanabe, however, does not consider character recognition and hence does not show or suggest a display that displays the result of character recognition and a binary image of the character recognized portion, as required by Claims 22 and 39. In addition, Watanabe does not suggest a display that shows the binary image of the character

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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